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SUBJECT:ACTION MEMORANDUM - FACIO'S OAS GA PROPOSAL

(S/S NUMBER 7505714)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ROGERS

1. THE PROBLEM

FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO, AS DISCUSSED IN HIS MEETING WITH YOU, HAS NOW SENT A "DEAR COLLEAGUE" LETTER TO ALL OAS FOREIGN MINISTERS SUPPORTING THE PANAMANIAN PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE "GENERAL DEBATE" (SET PIECE SPEECHES, LARGELY FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SUBSTITUTE FOR IT INFORMAL DIALOGUE ON THE MAJOR ISSUES. AS YOU INDICATED TO FACIO, WE SUPPORT THIS IDEA. FACIO'S LETTER TO YOU, DATED MARCH 13, 1975 FOLLOWS BELOW.

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2. FACIO'S LETTER:

QTE DEAR COLLEAGUE: THE WORK OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE OAS BEGINS EACH YEAR WITH A SO-CALLED "GENERAL DEBATE". IN PRACTICE, WHAT SHOULD BE AN EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS ABOUT THE ITEMS OF THE AGENDA, HAS BECOME THE READING OF A SPEECH, WHICH EACH HEAD OF DELEGATION DELIVERS BEFORE HIS COLLEAGUES, IN WHICH SOME OPINIONS ARE GENERALLY INCLUDED ABOUT SUBJECTS OF DIRECT INTEREST FOR THE ASSEMBLY, BUT ALSO EXTENSIVE PARAGRAPHS ABOUT SUBJECTS WHICH ARE RATHER FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION. THIS RHETORICAL EXERCISE USUALLY TAKES UP THE FIRST WEEK OF THE MEETINGS OF EACH ASSEMBLY. WHEN THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEES BEGINS, AND THE IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS ABOUT THE INTER-AMERICAN PROBLEMS MUST BE TAKEN, MOST OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR COUNTRIES. THUS, THE IMMEDIATE DIRECTION OF THE ASSEMBLY REMAINS IN THE HANDS OF THE SAME REPRESENTATIVES WHO CONSTITUTE THE PERMANENT COUNCIL.

FOR THIS REASON, I FAVOR AN INITIATIVE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF PANAMA, TO THE EFFECT THAT, IN THE NEXT ASSEMBLY, THE GENERAL DEBATE BE ELIMINATED. WITHOUT SHARING IN ALL ASPECTS THE PANAMANIAN PROPOSITION ABOUT THE REORGANIZATION OF THE OAS, I WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN THE SUPPORT OF YOUR EXCELLENCY, IN ORDER TO TRY AS A TEXT THE FOLLOWING PLAN IN THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

(1) THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO SO DESIRE, WILL PRESENT IN WRITING A STATEMENT OF THEIR POSITIONS ABOUT THE ITEMS OF THE AGENDA, WHICH THEY MAY CONSIDER OF INTEREST. THESE STATEMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE OAS EIGHT DAYS BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS.

(2) SUCH STATEMENTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE SECRETARIAT TO ALL DELEGATIONS, AS BASIC DOCUMENTS OF THE ASSEMBLY;

(3) THE HEAD OF DELEGATIONS WOULD AGREE NOT TO DELIVER FORMAL SPEECHES DURING THE SO-CALLED GENERAL DEBATE;

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(4) IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INAUGURAL SESSION AND THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS WILL HAVE INFORMAL SESSIONS, TO DIALOGUE EXTENSIVELY ON THE MAIN TOPICS OF THE AGENDA;

(5) THIS INFORMAL DIALOGUE SHOULD NOT TAKE MORE THAN THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE PERIOD OF SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'

IF THIS PLAN WERE PUT INTO EFFECT, I BELIEVE WE WOULD
ACHIEVE THREE IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES:

(A) THE AMOUNT OF DAYS OF SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED, THUS SAVING
TIME AND MONEY;

(B) THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS RE-
GARDING THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES OF ASSEMBLY;

(C) THE SYSTEM OF INFORMAL, HONEST AND OPEN EXCHANGE OF
OPINIONS AMONG THE AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS, THAT WAS
SUCCESSFULLY PUT INTO PRACTICE AT THE MEETINGS OF THE NEW
DIALOGUE HELD IN TLATELOLCO AND IN WASHINGTON, DURING THE
MONTHS OF FEBRUARY AND APRIL OF 1974, WOULD THUS BE IN-
STITUTIONALIZED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE OAS.

IN CASE YOUR EXCELLENCY AGREES WITH THE IDEAS CONTAINED
IN THIS PLAN, I RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU TO LET ME KNOW AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THIS MATTER. ON THE SAME HYPO-
THESIS, I ASK YOU TO INSTRUCT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE BEFORE
THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE OAS, IN ORDER THAT THE PRE-
PARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROCEED AC-
CORDINGLY.

I HAVE FORWARDED A SIMILAR LETTER TO EACH ONE OF THE
FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE OAS.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ONCE AGAIN EXTEND
TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM
AND CONSIDERATION. GONZALO J. FACIO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN
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AFFAIRS OF COSTA RICA. END QTE.

3. THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED REPLY:

QTE DEAR MR. MINISTER: I WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR LET-
TER OF MARCH 13, CONCERNING THE PROCEDURES FOR THE GENERAL
DEBATE IN THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. I SUPPORT WHOLEHEART-
EDLY THE IDEA, FIRST PROPOSED BY PANAMA AND WHICH YOU NOW
SO COGENTLY ELABORATE, TO CUT OUT THE SET SPEECHES AND TO
GO INSTEAD INTO A DIALOGUE, WHERE WE COULD DISCUSS THE
ISSUES FRANKLY AND PRIVATELY. WE ARE INFORMING ALL OF THE
OAS MEMBER GOVERNMENTS THAT WE STRONGLY FAVOR THE IDEA.

I TAKE THIS OCCASION TO MENTION ANOTHER MATTER WHICH I
KNOW IS NEAR TO YOUR HEART. AS YOU KNOW, I TOOK GREAT

INTEREST IN THE PROBLEMS COSTA RICA FACED UNDER THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAM TO RESTRAIN MEAT IMPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES. I AM DELIGHTED THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROPOSE A SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER RESTRAINT LEVEL FOR COSTA RICA OF 52.2 MILLION POUNDS. WARM REGARDS. HENRY A. KISSINGER UNQTE.

4. RECOMMENDATION.

THAT YOU APPROVE THE ABOVE LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE INGERSOLL

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